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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT (MINES-II)

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES FOR THE ANDHRA PRADESH MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1966.

[G.O.Ms.No.87, Industries & Commerce (MINES-II), 1st August, 2018.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), as amended from time to time, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 issued in G.O.Ms.No.1172, Industries & Commerce (B.I) Department, 4th September, 1967 as subsequently amended.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

- (1) In Rule 12, in sub-rule (5), in clause (h)
 - i. After sub-clause (viii) (e), the following shall be added at the end, namely,-

“ (f) The holder of a Mineral Concession for Minor Minerals shall intimate to the Director of Mines and Geology through the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology concerned within 60 days of any change that may take place in its name, nationality or other particulars with, relevant copies of certificates issued by the competent authority approving the changes. Subject to condition that, the share holding pattern shall not be changed.

If applicant or the holder(s) of a Mineral concession/lessee fails without sufficient cause to furnish the information referred to in sub-rule (a), the Director of Mines and Geology may impose a fine which may extend to two lakh rupees and in the case of continued contravention of the provisions of sub-rule (1) the Director of Mines and Geology may terminate the Mineral concession/lease as the case may be.

Provided that no such order shall be made without giving the holder of mineral concession/lessee a reasonable opportunity of stating his case.

Provided further that the changes are effected prior to issue of these orders, in such cases the lessee may intimate the changes with the copy of Certificate issued by the competent authority within a period of 60 days from the date of issue of these orders”.

ii. In sub-Clause (xi), for item (i) the following item shall be substituted, namely,-

“(i) If the lessee to whom a quarry lease is granted has complied with all the conditions of the lease and filed an application for grant of renewal of lease in Form -Q, to the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology before twelve months of the expiry of the lease and accompanied by a treasury or bank challan for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) towards non-refundable application fee, the Director of Mines and Geology, shall initially renew for a period not exceeding 20 years. In case of subsequent renewals, the Director of Mines and Geology, with prior permission of the State Government, shall grant such renewals, not exceeding 10 years at a time, till the mineral is exhausted, subject to adherence to and non violation of Rules during the operation of mining lease”.

(2) In Rule 31, after sub-rule (ix) (e), the following shall be added, namely,-

“ (f) The holder of a Mineral Concession for Minor Minerals shall intimate to the Director of Mines and Geology through the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology concerned within 60 days of any change that may take place in its name, nationality or other particulars with, relevant copies of certificates issued by the competent authority approving the changes. Subject to condition that, the share holding pattern shall not be changed.

If the holder(s) of a Mineral concession/lessee fails without sufficient cause to furnish the information referred to in sub-rule (a), the Director of Mines and Geology may impose a fine which may extend to two lakh rupees and in the case of continued contravention of the provisions of sub-rule (1) the Director of Mines and Geology may terminate the Mineral concession/lease as the case may be.

Provided that no such order shall be made without giving the holder of mineral concession/ lessee a reasonable opportunity of stating his case.

Provided further that the changes are effected prior to issue of these orders, in such cases the lessee may intimate the changes with the copy of Certificate issued by the competent authority within a period of 60 days from the date of issue of these orders."

B. SREEDHAR,
Secretary to Government.

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